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1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

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3. Reminder regarding translation into (one of) the official language(s) of the elected Office(s).

The applicant is reminded that, where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report.

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 23 January 2004 (23.01.2004)	Date of completion of this report 19 May 2004 (19.05.2004)
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____ the claims:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____ the drawings:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____ the sequence listing part of the description:pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is: the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- the entire international application.
- claims Nos. _____ 4 _____

because:

- the said international application, or the said claims Nos. _____ relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*): _____

- the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*): _____

- the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. _____ 4 _____

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

- the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
- the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-3, 5-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-3, 5-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-3, 5-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The following documents are cited in the international search report.

Document 1: JP 2000-322818 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 24 November 2000

Document 2: JP 2001-331945 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 30 November 2001

Document 3: JP 58-073022 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 02 May 1983

According to the applicant, documents 1 and 2 disclose disks that are capable of supporting similar "drive information." However, documents 1 and 2 indicate that the information is "arranged in an order from newest to oldest" (document 1, paragraph [0093]; document 2, paragraph [0112]), and that "maker identifiers" and "drive identifiers" can also be supported (document 1, paragraph [0094]; document 2, paragraph [0113]).

The invention disclosed in document 1 is understood to store said information in the innermost periphery and the outermost periphery in the light of fig. 1, and the invention disclosed in document 2 is understood to store said information in the lead-in regions in the light of fig. 2; however, the feature of providing such adjustment regions to each recording unit on a disk was well known

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prior to the filing of the present application, as disclosed in, for example, document 3. Consequently, it is considered to be obvious to a person skilled in the art to store the information that is disclosed in documents 1 and 2 in the locations that are disclosed in document 3; therefore, the inventions set forth in claims 1-3 and 5-10 of the present application do not involve an inventive step.

Furthermore, it is conventional for there to be individual differences between devices; therefore, it would be obvious to configure so that the abovementioned "drive identifier" includes information such as the production number of the drive. In addition, the "unique disk information" is merely well-known management information such as a TOC or PMA, which can be made to indicate the final address on a recordable disk as appropriate according to the method of management.